

Fulbright New Century Scholars Program for 2007-08

“Higher Education in the 21st Century: Access and Equity”

The Fulbright New Century Scholars Program (NCS) is a global Fulbright program that brings together leading research scholars and professionals for multi-disciplinary collaboration on a theme of global significance. The program will begin in February 2007 and end in March 2008. The deadline date for receipt of applications at the Swedish Fulbright Commission is June 28, 2006.

Approximately thirty scholars representing a variety of disciplines will be selected as NCS fellows. One-third of the fellows will be U.S. scholars and the remaining NCS fellows will be visiting scholars from outside of the United States. NCS fellows are expected to pursue research activities related to the NCS theme throughout the program year under the leadership of a Distinguished Scholar Leader; to maintain ongoing discussion and interaction with NCS fellows throughout the program year, to contribute to the collaborative goals of the program throughout the program year, and to participate in all activities of the program, including an orientation and goal setting session in February 2007, a mid-term meeting in July 2007, an international exchange opportunity of two/three months during the course of the program, and a final plenary meeting in March 2008.

The NCS program will seek constructive ways for contemporary institutions to develop policies responding to the challenge of ensuring equitable access within the framework of higher education in a global perspective. Three themes are to be examined: (1) cultural and societal norms that affect access and equity, (2) role of K-16 in limiting or advancing access to higher education, and (3) resources and policies that provide greater access to higher education.

Outstanding scholars, academic administrators, and professionals at any rank in any field directly related to the NCS theme are welcome to apply. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree in a relevant field. Candidates should be active in the academic, public or private sector, demonstrate outstanding qualifications and a distinguished record of experience, research and accomplishment in an area clearly related to the NCS theme. Applicants must be open to exploring and incorporating comparative, interdisciplinary approaches in their investigations and interested in developing collaborative activities with other NCS scholars. Non-U.S. applicants must be citizens of and residing in the country from which they are applying, they must be able to communicate both orally and in writing at an extremely high level of competency, and they must be able to arrange their own U.S. institutional affiliations and accommodations for their U.S. visit.

All NCS fellows receive individual travel/research awards of \$37,000 to cover travel to all program meetings, travel and maintenance for the exchange visit, research materials and assistance, and some salary replacement. The grant also provides accommodations and meals for program seminars.

For further information, application forms and detailed instructions, see www.cies.org/ncs/. Questions can be directed to NCS staff at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, ncs@iie.org, or contact Jeannette Lindström at the Swedish Fulbright Commission, fulbright@fulbright.se or 08/534 818 85. Completed applications should be sent to the Swedish Fulbright Commission, Vasagatan 15-17, 111 20 Stockholm by the deadline date of **June 28, 2006**.

The Swedish Fulbright Commission was established in 1952 by an executive agreement between the Swedish and U.S. governments. Its primary objective is to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Sweden through grants to outstanding Swedish and American graduate students, lecturers and researchers and through information on higher education in the United States.